



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 15, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF
ONE ALL WHEEL DRIVE PUMPER-TYPE FIRE APPARATUS
(FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to acquire one all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus. An all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus costs approximately \$280,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and purchase of one all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus. This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.
2. Find that this purchase is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The District has a twenty-year replacement plan for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of front line service and five years of reserve service. An all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus provides structural and wildland fire suppression and emergency medical response capabilities for Catalina Island. The acquisition will allow us to maintain our current replacement schedule for these types of apparatus.

In addition, the apparatus will have an enclosed cab, improved firefighter safety features, cost effective components to reduce annual operating costs, higher efficiency and lower emission diesel engines. These features will allow us to continue providing prompt, skillful and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services; and Goal #5, Public Safety, by increasing the safety and security of all residents in Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of the all wheel drive pumper-type fire apparatus is \$280,000. The District's FY 2009-10 budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase. The maintenance of the apparatus will be funded from the District's Operating Budget.

There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The nature of response requirements, firefighting and automotive technology, and accepted National Fire Protection Agency requirements have changed dramatically over the last 20 years and the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and effective than the apparatus they are replacing.

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisition of this apparatus is exempt from CEQA and will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061 (b) (3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance

with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient, and cost-effective manner on Santa Catalina Island.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office
Business Operations

Chief Deputy Daryl L. Osby
dosby@fire.lacounty.gov

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN
FIRE CHIEF, FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Service Department
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors